

I have been a subscriber to XM radio for about 3 months. I started because I travel in a motor home and like to keep abreast of what is happening around the country and world. Local radio does not have the depth and seems to concentrate on "fluff" with little attention to details. XM allows the choice of several news stations and can keep me up to date in remote areas. Because I travel I can say that radio, along with so many other things in this country, has become "mcdonaldized". I can be in Chicago and listen to stations with the same formats in other parts of the country. Basically, corporate owned radio has become boring and it is nice to have an alternative.

I agree that instead of meeting the XM challenge with better programming it seems too easy to let the politicians try to put the "little guy in his place". Whether there are 1st amendment issues here I can't tell but corporate America is very good at pushing the 1st amendment "hot button" when challenged.

Let XM radio be the alternative to "corporate radio brainwashing" and keep the playing field even for all.